

**REMARKS**

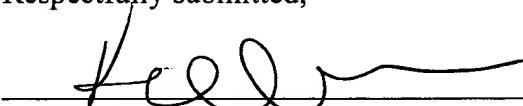
Claims 12, 13 and 15-19 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-11 and 14 were previously canceled. Claim 19 is currently amended to recite a pharmaceutical preparation. As such, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of pending claims 12, 13 and 15-19.

The Office Action dated March 22, 2004 indicated that certified copies of the priority document had not yet been received. Enclosed with this Supplemental Amendment is a certified copy of the priority document DE 198 38 547.1 and a verified English translation thereof.

Applicants submit that all claims are allowable as written and respectfully request early favorable action by the Examiner. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is cordially invited to call the undersigned attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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